

Calendar Competition Results

It's been another bumper year for our calendar competition with the trust receiving some stunning entries for next year's calendar.

This time round there were some interesting shots of old favourites such as the Pap of Glencoe and the Blackwater Dam. Also, there were some great photographs of the local wildlife and some of these have made it into the calendar.

Congratulations to all the winners, especially Allan Ferguson for the best photograph overall and Shannon Hartley and Alex Whittaker who share the under-18s prize.

January

Ian Morrison – Blackrock Cottage

February

Andy Welch – Robin

March

Elaine Smith – Highland Cow

April

Allan Ferguson – Loch Leven

May

Jim Milligan – Grey Mares' Waterfall

June

Alex Whittaker – Waterfall

July

Shannon Hartley – The Pipeline

August

Jan Hamilton – Loch Leven

September

Thomas Rowe – Bishop's Bay

October

Lesley Woolacott – The Three Sisters

November

Michael Hartley – From the Loch Eilde path

December

Allan Ferguson – Stag in the snow

Over the last two years the calendar has been a big hit, with copies being sent to friends and family across the world. They will be on sale in the village from mid-July along with some new Christmas card designs.



The winning photograph "Stag in the Snow" taken by Allan Ferguson

Aluminium Story and Post Office update

Post Office Ltd has a provisional date of Tuesday 17th August for the relocation of the Post Office from the existing building to its new premises within the Aluminium Story.

Fortunately the transfer of all equipment will only take one day, that means the Post Office will close at 5.30pm on Monday 16th August and re-open at 9am on Wednesday 18th August. Posters confirming full details will be displayed around the village nearer the time.

The new cash machine will not be installed until the following weekend so there will be a short period when this will be unavailable. However, most customers are able to withdraw cash over the counter inside the post office.



Highland Carers Advocacy Supporting Carers in Lochaber

If you look after a relative, friend or neighbour who cannot manage without your support then you are a carer.

Although very rewarding, being a carer can often be exhausting and lonely, with little time left to focus on your own needs or

those of the person you care for. Caring for someone may mean the involvement of numerous organisations and professionals who provide a variety of services; but carers have found that their knowledge, views and needs are often not taken into account when decisions are made. Highland Carers Advocacy provides a free service to support carers to express their views and opinions so that carers achieve the best, possible outcome.

Here is what Highland Carers Advocacy services can do:

Listen to what carers have to say about their situation

Provide relevant information that enables carers to make informed decisions

Help with writing letters or making telephone calls

Attend meetings with carers – if necessary speak on the carer's behalf

Our advocacy caseworkers are there to support the carer, not tell the carer what to do

Our advocacy caseworkers work in a person centred way which means that the carer remains in control of any decisions

ensure that your views will be heard and listened to

If you would like more information about the Highland Carers Advocacy Service then please contact your local Advocacy Caseworker:

Dorothy Wilkie, Tel: 07760779462, e-mail dwilkie@hcf.org.uk or

Tel: 01463 723567/723569, e-mail carersadvocacy@hccf.org.uk

Caledonian Challenge 2010

Thanks to all volunteers who are helping at the Caledonian Challenge this Saturday 12th June. 32 volunteers I total...£100 per 8 hour shift covered to KCT.

It's not too late to volunteer for this weekend, give the office a ring on 813779. Duties will include handing out refreshments, road crossings and generally providing encouragement to the runners.

The Romanian Collection

Avril Watt would like to thank Brittany Fordham, Danielle Campbell and all volunteers for all their help and assistance given at the recent Romanian Collection in May at the Leven Centre.

Community Trust News

⇒ Short cut fencing

There is new fencing in the short cut 75% has been funded by the Land Managers Woodland Scheme and 25% funded by the trust.

⇒ New Finance Director

The trust recently appointed Ann Glayrouse as the new finance director on the Board.

⇒ Company Secretary

Gerald McIntyre has served the community trust for many years as Company Secretary providing much needed advice and wise counsel. On 31st May, Gerald retired from his legal practice at McIntyre and Company. We are fortunate that he has agreed to continue on the Board in the short term.